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Extract Government General Order of the 18th January 1869.

The undermentioned Officer is allowed furlough to Europe (medical certificate.)

Lieutenant Robert Hunter of the General List, Madras Infantry. } For two years under the regulations of 1868.

(True copies and Extract.)

(Signed) A. JOHNSON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1869, No. 539.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department.)

2. The G. O. G. G., notifying Lieutenant Hunter's furlough has been already re-published in this Presidency.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major General,
Secretary to Government.

Read the following papers :—

No. 187. From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, 22nd January 1869, No. 1054.

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State has recently intimated the desire of Her Majesty's Government that, as it is generally well known when either the posts of Adjutant General and Quarter Master General in the three Presidencies will be vacated, not only the name of the officer whom the Government may desire to nominate to fill the post permanently, but the name of the officer it may propose to appoint temporarily in the vacant post till the permanent incumbent can take it up, may be reported beforehand to the Secretary of State; in order that, if possible, intimation of the approval of the authorities at Home may be received previous to the announcement of the appointment in General Orders.

2. Should, however, the appointment become suddenly vacant, or the desired intimation from Home be delayed on any account, the Government would, on the occurrence of the vacancy, proceed to appoint an officer to officiate in accordance with the rule laid down in paragraph 18 of Sir Charles Wood's despatch No. 314, dated 30th August 1862.*

* *Vide letter from the Government of India, No. 471, dated 17th November 1862.*

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1869, No. 540.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major General,
Secretary to Government.

Read the following papers :—

No. 189. From J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., for Master Attendant, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 2nd February 1869, No. 739.

I have the honor to forward an original letter from the Agents of the *Renown*, requesting to be permitted to provide 100 days fresh bread, and forty days biscuit for the Invalids proceeding to England in that vessel.

2. The scale of provisions, copy of which is enclosed, shows that fresh bread is to be issued *every day*; but in cases where it may be actually necessary to depart from it, $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of biscuit is considered the equivalent of 1 lb. bread, and as the proportions of the two articles, as abovementioned, are fair and reasonable, I beg to recommend that the sanction of Government be accorded to the request.

From the Agent of the *Renown*, to the Master Attendant, Administrative Department; dated Madras, 2nd February 1869.

With reference to the ration of bread for the troops about to proceed in the *Renown*, we have the honor to request that you will permit us to carry out the same arrangement as was allowed the ship last year, *viz.*, to provide 100 days fresh bread and forty days biscuit, this proceeding will afford to the invalids an ample supply of soft bread and sufficient margin of biscuit for use in case of need.

No. 190. From J. B. CROWTHER, Esq., for Master Attendant, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 4th February 1869, No. 822.

In reply to official memorandum of yesterday's date, regarding the supply of bread and biscuit for invalids per *Renown*, I have the honor to state that the Commander is prepared to supply fresh bread *every day*; but to provide for such contingencies as are contemplated under the headings* "Notes" and "Substitutes," a certain supply of biscuit must be shipped.

* *Vide scale already forwarded.*

2. The proportion mentioned in my letter No. 739 of 2nd instant, is the same as was put on board the *Renown* on her last voyage from Madras; but in order to prevent all possibility of dispute on the subject, between the Commanding Officer of the invalids and the Commander of the ship, it was deemed advisable to obtain the direct orders of Government on the subject.

3. I may mention that the *Renown* has never exceeded 100 days on her homeward voyage from this port.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1869, No. 541.

It is observed that the scale of rations does not provide for the exceptional issue of biscuit in lieu of fresh bread to *Invalids* but only to persons in health, (Effectives) and as no necessity appears to exist for a special provision of biscuit for the occasional use of the invalids proceeding per *Renown*, the Governor in Council is unable to sanction an arrangement which may result in an infraction of the charter party.

2. It is of course optional with the Master of the vessel to ship a supply of biscuit, but the Government prohibit its issue to the troops except with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer.

3. The attention of the Master Attendant is requested to paragraph 2 of Proceedings of Government No. 3638, dated 16th September 1868, requesting that application for orders on all doubtful points relating to transport arrangement be made previously to the submission of tenders for acceptance.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major General,
Secretary to Government.